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1. Oil extracted from oil-wells is sent to the oil refinery plants where it is produced into various sorts of gasoline, kerosene, and petroleum. I believe that military representatives are present at these plants who accept (or reject) various sorts of fuel destined for the air force or for one of the other armed forces. These representatives receive exact instructions stating where various sorts of fuel are to be shipped from a given factory.
2. GSM (TN literally "Fuel Lubricant Materials" or FOL) is sent from the oil refinery plants to the Central Depots of: The Ministry of Armed Forces, the Military Air Force, the Civil Air Fleet, and to oil reservoirs (BAZI) in republic and oblast cities of the country. Only aviation fuel and oil is sent to the Central Depots of the Military Air Force and Civil Air Fleet (GVF).
3. The VVS receives automobile fuel and oil from ground unit depots and, in some cases, from the oil reservoirs of oblast and republic cities.
4. The Civil Air Fleet always receives its automobile fuel and oil from the cities' oil

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reservoirs. These oil reservoirs supply all the types of industry and concerns in the oblast and also supply the country's populace with GSM according to special orders.

5. Box No 1 of Enclosure (A) shows the Ministry of the Petroleum Industry which includes the main Directorate for Petroleum Disposition which distributes petroleum products among various ministries. All ministries (including the Ministry of Armed Forces, Military Air Force and Civil Air Fleet) present statements to the Main Directorate for Petroleum Disposition as to the required quantities of various sorts of fuel and oil which should be sent to specified places (say, depots) at a certain time. After these statements have been authenticated, the Main Directorate of Petroleum Disposition directs the oil refineries to send given petroleum products to a certain place at a specified period of time.
6. There are representatives from the Ministry of Armed Forces and the VVS at these plants who receive acceptable products and dispatch them to VVS or to Air Army depots. For this reason, the military representatives at these plants continually report to the POL Section of the VVS Directorate of the rear from which they receive directions stating how much aviation fuel they are to send to various places.
7. The directors of the oil refinery plants are instructed by the Main Directorate for Petroleum Disposition as to the quantity of fuel to be delivered to the VVS. They are informed of the delivery address by the plant's military representative. The POL products are always sent directly to the central depots (see boxes 10, 11 and 12 of chart of Enclosure (A)) and to the Republic and Oblast center's Oil Reservoirs from the Oil-Refinery plants. However, sometimes the fuel is sent from the oil refineries to the Air Armies and VVS Military Districts without first being sent to the central POL depots of the VVA. In such cases, the oil is considered to have come from the VVS Depot since all of the paper-work is compiled as if the fuel belonged to the VVS Central Depot.
8. When the POL has arrived at the Air Army, VVS Military District, FVO Air Army, and Long Range Air Army Depots (see boxes 21, 22, and 23 of Enclosure (A)), it can be re-dispatched to the OATB without ever being pumped out of the railroad tank cars; in such cases the further shipment is accomplished by the OATD. The POL Section of the Air Army informs the OATD of the quantity of fuel it is to receive and where it is to receive it. Then the POL Chief of the OATD (see box 24 of Enclosure (A)) or his representative travels to the appointed place and re-addresses the fuel to an OATB (see box 25 of Enclosure (A)).
9. Upon receiving the fuel, the OATB pumps it out of the railroad tank cars and into its depot after which it will supply the fuel to the units it is servicing in accordance with supply limits.
10. The Air Army receives all automobile fuel and lubricants from the Military District (or Group of Forces) POL Depots. The OATB receives the fuel and lubricants from the Air Army Depot, or, if the depots are located at a considerable distance from the OATB, it will receive these supplies from the closest POL Depot of the ground troops (at Army or Corps level).
11. In some cases, the OATB will receive these supplies from an oil reservoir if it is located near an oblast city or some other large city and there are no military POL depots nearby. In cases where an OATB receives automobile fuel from an oil reservoir, the oil reservoir is instructed by the Main Directorate of Petroleum Disposition as to the quantity of fuel it can issue to a particular unit; an oil reservoir will not issue fuel to anyone until it has received such instructions.
12. In some cases, ground units receive fuel from the oil reservoirs of large cities under the same conditions as air units - if they are based nearby and if they are far from military depots. The Civil Air Fleet receives its POL in the same manner as the VVS, however, it more often receives POL supplies from aviation and automobile oil reservoirs. 25X1
13. Units of the FVO and Long Range Air Armies which are located on the territories of Frontal Air Armies and VVS Military Districts may receive their fuel from the depots 25X1

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- of these units. Because of this, the Air Army and VVS Military District receive fuel in excess of the set limits when the limits of PVO and Long Range units are considered. When PVO and Long Range units receive fuel from their own depots, the procedure in receiving POL is the same as in the case of Air Army.
14. The wartime POL supply chain for VVS units is illustrated in chart attached as Enclosure (A). This chart shows that fuel is shipped directly to front distribution stations from the oil refinery plants. The distribution stations are subordinate to the Military Communications (TN SOOBSHCHENIYA) Directorate of the Front Headquarters and are, as a rule, located at a distance of 100-150 kilometers behind the front line; they are the main supply points for the whole front.
 15. In sending out aviation and automobile POL supplies, the distribution station sends the supplies to a railroad station near Air Army Headquarters, or, in the case of a ground army, to railroad stations located near their bases. Upon receiving supplies for an Air Army, the distribution station informs the Air Army's Rear Headquarters that supplies pre-designated for them have been received and will be sent out on such and such a date to the railroad station nearest them and from that point they will be able to receive the supplies. After the Air Army's POL supplies have arrived at the nearest railroad station, the fuel is sometimes transported to the Air Army Depot and some times to the OATB, in which case it is transported by the auto-company of the OATB and OATD.
 16. During wartime, the OATD's auto-company always renders assistance to OATB's which are incapable of transporting their own fuel and ammunition, however, usually the OATB's manage to transport their own supplies with their auto-company.
 17. During a war period, the Air Technical Battalion has on hand daily enough fuel and ammunition to refuel and service each aircraft in the unit from 7 - 10 times.
 18. if the Air Technical Battalion is located near a railroad station and the tracks leading to it are both serviceable and convenient to camouflage, the OATB will receive all of its POL supplies by railroad transportation. If this railroad station is located near the front line, tank cars carrying POL supplies to the OATB will be brought in at night; the OATB will have to unload the tank-cars promptly so that they may be taken away by morning.
 19. In some cases, the Air Army's auto-battalion will be used to transport POL supplies and ammunition from the station where they have been unloaded to the OATB if the OATB's auto-company can not handle the job and the OATD's auto-company is occupied elsewhere. Sometimes, the auto-battalion uses its own equipment to transport POL supplies from the Front Distribution Station to its depot or the OATB. This is done when it is impossible to bring supplies near to the Air Army and OATB bases by railroad or other form of transportation.

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Enclosure (A): Chart showing movement of oil products from oil wells to consumers (VVS Units).

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